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Letter dated 7 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 6 February 1991 addressed to you by His Excellency Osman Ertuğ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mustafa AKŞIN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 6 February 1991 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the text of a message from Mr. George Vassiliou which was circulated as a document of the Security Council (S/22124) at the request of Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis.

I would like to point out that Mr. Vassiliou's message, which is ostensibly addressed to the people of Cyprus, is really addressed to the Greek Cypriot people. The insinuations and forced parallels attempted in that message do not at this stage deserve comment. What I do wish to recall and emphasize at this point is that Mr. Vassiliou is nothing but the leader of the Greek Cypriot community. In fact, Mr. Secretary-General, you, yourself are spending a lot of time and exerting a great deal of effort within your mission of good offices to assist the leaders of the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots to reach an agreement which would lead to the establishment of a Federal Government of Cyprus based on the partnership of the two Cypriot peoples. The nature of the Government of Cyprus to be established is described in Security Council resolution 649 (1990), and no one can legally claim the title of President of Cyprus before the two Cypriot nations freely reach an agreement jointly to set up such a Government of Cyprus.

The Greek Cypriot insistence on pretending that they alone represent Cyprus and their persistence in ignoring the existence of the Turkish Cypriots is the main impediment to the establishment of a partnership state in Cyprus in accordance with Security Council resolution 649 (1990).

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus